

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending in the application. Claim 10 has been amended herein.
Claims 37-45 have been cancelled as being allowable in the prior application.

Applicants have amended the application to insert a priority claim to the prior application.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 37-45 have been canceled.

Claim 10 (amended)

A hard boiled candy composition comprising

- (a) a confectionery base,
- (b) at least one mineral or mineral salt having an unpleasant mouthfeel, and,
- (c) a material to suppress said unpleasant mouthfeel of said mineral or mineral salt, said material consisting essentially of one or more partially hydrogenated vegetable oils in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 5.0% by weight of said composition [of one or more partially hydrogenated vegetable oils] said amount being effective to suppress said unpleasant mouthfeel of said mineral or mineral salt.

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